

Mansfield Public Schools

Board of Education Update

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Information regarding the current status of the Mansfield Public Schools: items, issues, challenges, and opportunities district staff addressed during the month, as well as upcoming district and school events.

Enrollment

Gr.	GW		SE		VN		MMS		Total
		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*		+/-*	
PK	22	0/0	25	1/0	31	2/0			78
K	35	4/0	36	2/0	41	2/0			112
1	43	0/0	47	1/0	46	5/0			136
2	32	4/0	51	6/0	43	0/5			126
3	40	0/4	41	1/0	48	0/1			129
4	28	1/0	37	4/0	48	0/3			113
PK-4									697
5							130	11/0	130
6							135	5/0	135
7							140	2/0	140
8							142	2/0	142
# Boys	109		115		126		280		
# Girls	91		122		131		267		
Total	200	9/4	237	15/0	257	9/9	547		1241

*Enrolled/Withdrawn

	GW	SE	VN	MMS	District
Immigrant Children*	5	19	3	10	37
ELL**	7	6	5	10	28

*Eligible immigrant children are defined as a) ages 3-21 enrolled full-time in school, b) not born in any state, c) have not been attending 1 or more schools in 1 or more states for more than 3 full academic years.

**English Language Learners

District Performance Targets (12-13)

Indicator	Participation Rate (11-12)	DPI (11-12)	Baseline DPI (3 yr. Avg.)	DPI Perf. Target (12-13)
DPI*	100.0%	88.9	88.1	Maintain
Students w/ Disabilities	100.0%	60.8	59.4	61.7
Free/Reduced Eligible	100.0%	76.7	76.4	77.4
Hispanic	100.0%	79.7	80.5	81.1
ELL	100.0%	64.1	64.1	66.1
Reading	99.6%	87.6	86.6	86.7
Mathematics	100.0%	90.7	90.3	Maintain
Writing	99.6%	89.3	88.3	Maintain
Science	100.0%	88.5	90.5	Maintain

* District Performance Index

Connecticut Mastery Test Results

/ % of students at/above goal – March 2013

Grade	Math	Writing	Reading	Science
3 – 115	95 / 83.3	89 / 77.4	88 / 76.5	n/a
4 – 124	102 / 82.3	90 / 72.6	92 / 75.4	n/a
5 – 137	124 / 91.9	116 / 85.3	108 / 80.6	119 / 86.9
6 – 141	108 / 76.6	107 / 76.4	112 / 80.0	n/a
7 – 135	117 / 86.7	120 / 88.9	122 / 90.4	n/a
8 – 141	105 / 75.0	122 / 87.1	118 / 84.3	117 / 83.0

Students not reaching goal in one or more areas: (2013-2014 grade)

Gr. 4 – 39/34%	Gr. 7 – 57/40%
Gr. 5 – 49/39%	Gr. 8 – 26/19%
Gr. 6 – 43/31%	Gr. 9 – 44/31%

Budget

- Food Service Comparison:

September – June 2012		September – June 2013	
Paid Meals	Total Meals	Paid Meals	Total Meals
95,206	156,949	95,206	148,221

- Continued 13-143 purchases in preparation for the school year.

Personnel

	Certified	Non-Certified
Retirements	0	1
Resignations	1	3
Requests for Leave	4	0
New Hires	2	0
Reduction in Force	0	2

- Participated in all Search Committees meetings and interviews.
- Facilitated New Certified Staff Orientation.
- Facilitated CPR refresher for instructional assistants.
- Attended Employee Benefits Quarterly Meeting.
- Participated in MEA Negotiations with Personnel Committee.
- Continued negotiations on UPSEU contract.

District: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Including Instructional Technology Applications

- Facilitated Online Summer School Program.
- Continued Study Island software program for all district grade 3 and 4 students to use both at school and at home.
- Monitored summer curriculum projects submitted.

Policies

- Continued to implement revised MBOE Policies approved at September 13, 2012 meeting.
- Continued to explore the possibility of MBOE/Region 19 Policies revised concurrently.
- Reviewed options regarding ethics code.
- Facilitated changes to MPS Teacher/Administrator Professional Learning & Evaluation Plan.

Security

- Continued the implementation of required crisis prevention drills for all schools with emergency management officials.
- Continued the implementation of Tabletop Emergency Procedures Drill preparation.
- Continued to implement Board approved enhanced safety measures.

Building and Grounds

- Continued to implement an alternative work order system.
- Facilitated Summer Cleaning Schedule
- Facilitated MMS greenhouse construction.
- Facilitated construction of Southeast entry vestibule and correcting mechanical issues.
- Facilitated installation of door window shades for all classrooms.
- Facilitated repair of MMS auditorium air conditioning.
- Facilitated roof repairs at all four schools.
- Installed 3 door freezer in Vinton kitchen.
- Installed steamer for MMS kitchen. Exploring options regarding elementary school lunch tables at Goodwin.
- Resolved water issue at Vinton.
- Investigating solution to MMS gym floor issue.

Maintenance Work Requests						
	GW	SE	VN	MMS	Total	
Solved	0	6	2	12	20	24%
Pending	3	13	3	17	36	44%
Open	4	3	3	2	12	15%
Total	3	9	1	1	14	17%

Programs

Study Island Through August 24, 2013							
Grade 3				Grade 4			
Math		Reading		Math		Reading	
Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct	Q*	% Correct
18	29.6	0	0	36	48.6	0	0

*Number of questions attempted on grade level

Books on Bus Number of Individuals Getting on Bus and Checking Out Items							
Run	Wk.1	Wk. 2	Wk. 3	Wk. 4	Wk. 5	Wk.6	Wk. 7
Goodwin	-----	44	53	45	55	49	46
Southeast	26	27	16	12	10	11	8
Vinton	28	13	23	22	26	23	18
MCC	2	5	9	7	15	8	--
Week Total	56	89	101	86	106	91	72
New MPL card applications	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Energy

- Facilitated school building energy committees.
- Continued to facilitate guidelines for after school building use in an effort to reduce energy consumption.
- Monitored use of energy efficient refrigerators to replace classroom use of small refrigerators.
- Initiated monitoring of gas heat & electric energy charges at MMS due to fuel conversion project.
- Implemented with finance and maintenance department common comprehensive energy management system.

Communication

- Facilitated Books on Bus program.
- Provided all staff with an update of Administrative Council items.
- Facilitated Back to School Administrative Council meeting.
- Attended Mansfield Tomorrow work session.
- Held monthly Facilities Management Meeting.
- Facilitated publication of district bus routes.
- Facilitated update of district website to include Parent Handbook and forms to be used during the 2013-2014 school year.

Professional Development

- Supported the continued development of school data teams.
- Facilitated professional development training for staff, including Mansfield Evaluation and Professional Development Plan and school year planning.
- Implemented District Common Core State Standards as outlined in district plan year two.
- Attended initial staff meetings at all schools.

Technology Administrative Applications

- Continued implementation of HealthOffice Software.
- Continued implementation of automated system for recording substitutes.
- Continued use of Horizon library system software.
- Continued implementation of Pearson Limelight Inform to track student assessment data to inform instruction.
- Continued implementation of MMS Parent Portal.
- Implementation of School Messenger software program for transportation and school delays/closings to parents/guardians.
- Implemented Versatran's school bus routing software.
- Continued implementation of Bloomboard for certified staff professional learning and evaluation support.

Other

- Facilitated distribution of 2013-2014 Parent Handbook.
- Facilitated distribution of revised Emergency Procedures Guide.
- Attended MAC meeting.
- Submitted CSDE Grant application: *Technology Investments to Implement Common Core State Standards and Administer Common Core aligned Assessments, Specifically Smarter Balanced Assessments.*
- Attended CSDE Data & Performance Summit.
- Attended CAS Administrative Evaluation Training.
- Attended Bloomboard Training.
- Participated in Conference Call with Commissioner of Education to discuss release of assessment data.
- Attended Commissioner's Superintendents' Back to School Meeting
- Participated in Renaissance Learning Progressions: The Road Map for Student Learning webinar.
- Attended SE Family Picnic to meet and greet Lauren Rodriguez.
- Reinstated two midday pre- school buses to transport students at each school.
- Facilitated STEM school transportation.

Additional information will be provided upon request by calling 429.3350 or by emailing mboesupt@mansfieldct.org.

Upcoming Events in September:

Please join us at any/all of these events

GW	SE	VN
Book Fair 9/4-6/13	PTO Meeting 9/9/13 7:00pm	Open House 9/24/13 6:30pm
Open House 9/10/13 6:30pm	Open House 9/11/13 6:30pm	
Town Meeting 9/17/13 2:30pm	School Carnival 9/28/13 10:00am	
Big Whale Bash 9/20/13 4:30pm		
PTO Meeting 9/23/13 6:30pm		
MMS		
Opening Assembly 9/3/13 9:00am	Beginning Instrumental Music Orientation 9/3/13 7:00pm	MMSA Meeting 9/4/13 7:00pm
Pot Luck Dinner Gr. 6 9/11/13 5:00pm	Open House 9/19/13 6:30pm	Fiddlehike Trip 9/27-29/13
Overlook Farm FT Date TBD		
District		
Labor Day Holiday-No School 9/2/13	Board Meeting 9/12/13 7:30pm	Board Workshop 9/26/13 5:30pm

Link to District Four Schools Calendar of Events:

<http://www.mansfieldct.gov/content/3607/5184/7573.aspx>

or:

Go to <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/mboe> (Board of Ed. website)

- 1) In the middle at the bottom is a link called "Calendar of Events"
- 2) Click on that link and it will bring you to the calendar.